Dear Harold,

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On your suggestion I contacted that math professor and firearms expert about his recollection of the tests he had done with a 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle. He agreed to write up a statement of what he had done, but he also said it might be a while before he could get it to me. He also said, without elaborating, that his firearms' expertise is something that he has acquired mainly on his own and that he does not have the credentials to substantiate his expertise. Nonetheless, my impression of him is that he is sincere and, as far as I can judge, knowledgeable about that weapon. One thing I told him to encourage him to write his statement (despite his lack of credentials), is that others with far less expertise have pontificated in support of the government's case. I had in mind your friend, zoologist extraordinaire, Dr. Lattimore, who not only passed himself off as a forensic pathologist but also some sort of firearms expert in the backyard tests that NOVA program aired back in 1988. In any case, I will be interested in his statement and I will be sure to pass it along to you when I receive it.

We brought our special topics course on the FBI, Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement to a successful close last week. I believe we were able to maintain a high level of interest throughout the month, despite events in the Persian Gulf. I even received sporadic applause from the class after I made some concluding remarks. Jerry made a significant contribution with his public lecture and session with the class. The article you sent me on Jerry's talk at Hood was a good description of what he did down here. Unfortunately, we were able to get only minimal

press coverage. Jerry helped bolster me by showing students and some other faculty that I am not the only "kook" who spends time looking into this stuff. In general, I believe we also accomplished giving students a good overview of the civil rights struggle and a better idea of who Martin Luther King was. I also had occasion to draw on some of my reading on Paul Robeson.

Thanks for sending along that very good review of Reasonable Doubt. I will be sure to use that whenever I have occasion to show it.

Thanks also for the McGrory and McCarthy columns from the Wash. Post on the current crisis in the Persian Gulf. One of the black students in our project also pointed to the irony of Bush setting Martin Luther King's birthday (Jan 15) as the deadline for getting out of Kuwait. I can't remember being as depressed as I have been during these past few weeks of war in the Persian Gulf. Even if we prevail, as I believe will be the case, I believe that war is going to cause more problems than it is going to solve. And I fear all this so-called diplomacy leading up to war, the coddling of Saddam, will be swept under the rug, setting the stage for a repeat performance in the future, only with some other dictator in Saddam's place.

On a brighter note, the narcissus bulbs you gave us back in June are coming up bright and tall. No blooms yet but with the weather as warm as it has been it probably will not be too long. Please give our regards to Lillian and Jerry.

Yours,
Gerry Genovese

P.S. Regarding Woodward's book, Veil, perhaps you should give it to someone else. I cannot foresee that I will have much time during the next few months to read it.